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REFERENCES: A. HQA-95430, 16 Dec 57
B. HQA-35922, 20 Feb 58
C. FRAN-6808, 20 May 58
D. HQA-7412, 21 May 58
E. FRAN-7171, 5 Jun 58
F. FRAN-7313, 12 Jun 58

1. The purpose of this dispatch is to advise you of the current status of Subject Project and of present UPSWING efforts to implement the program.

2. Following [] visit to Munich on 11 June 1958 at which he outlined the program to GIESDAHL and SWIFTSTRAIT, UPSWING submitted a paper containing a summary of the agreements that had been reached at the meeting. Text of summary is as follows:

a. The performance of special studies by West German Institutes interested in FRO and USSR activities is considered to be of mutual benefit to UPSWING and KUBARK.

b. The establishment of contacts with such institutes and the implementation of the program is the responsibility of UPSWING.

c. It will be attempted at first to interest Professor KOCH from the GUT EUROPA INSTITUTE in Munich in the project. Should he not have the capability to undertake such a project, the institutes of Dr. HENNING and Professor HERRMAN will be approached.

d. In dealing with Prof. KOCH, the project will be considered to be under German auspices and US interests, financially or otherwise, will not be revealed.

e. The proposal to Prof. KOCH will be made by GIESDAHL. At this time he (Prof. KOCH) will be given sample topics considered to be of interest.

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f. Preparation of sample topics will be undertaken jointly by UPWINE and KUBARK.

g. Professor KOGH will be advised that approximately RM 1000 will be available for each study (travel expenses, stationery expenses and research costs such as procurement of literature etc. not included).

h. It is proposed to provide RM 10,000 at first and if successful RM 20,000 will be allocated per year.

i. Professor KOGH will nominate scientists considered qualified to undertake such studies.

j. Those named will be submitted for joint approval.

k. Those given final approval to undertake a study will not be informed of US participation in the project.

3. On 30 June 58 CHERRILL saw Professor KOGH. KOGH was enthusiastic about the idea. First he plans to prepare a list of available research material on topics conveyed to him by CHERRILL (NOTE: Topics were proposed in ref. F and approved by UPWINE). CHERRILL stated that when KOGH saw the topic list he had explained in ref. F that these were decisive scientific topics and wanted to know where CHERRILL had gotten them. CHERRILL did not reveal KUBARK interest and said that they were made up in his own staff. KOGH states that he will select possible authors from his own group. If he can not find the right ones in such a small circle he plans to approach an associate of KUBARK's whom he knows to be interested in this type of project. KOGH further indicated that he will discuss the project proposal with Prof. BECK from his institute whom he will eventually contact with the entire program. (NOTE: Prof. BECK is an UPWINE contact.)

4. On 9 July 58 the writer contacted GILLOT who in the interim had taken the project over from CHERRILL and inquired how negotiations with KOGH's Institute were progressing. GILLOT confirmed that Prof. BECK had been designated to take on the project and that BECK is presently engaged in compiling a list of qualified authors. Three names submitted by BECK are now being checked by UPWINE's security staff. Names of applicants will be submitted to us for approval after checks have been completed. If acceptable, target assignments can then be jointly worked out. Additionally BECK has contacted Prof. SCHNEIDER, Stuttgart, a member of the Gut Kureya Gesellschaft and editor

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of the publication "Out Europa Wissenschaften". SUCHOLD has agreed to cooperate with BECK and will search for qualified personnel. SUCHOLD hopes to have a roster of qualified scientists available soon for BECK's approval. On request of CHLOTZ we transferred RM 500 to UPWING's finance office which, CHLOTZ states, is needed to defray certain expenses incurred or incurring through BECK. No other funds have been advanced.

6. The following occurrence, we believe, should not go unmentioned. CHLOTZ mentioned that BECK learned from SUCHOLD in Stuttgart that one CHITTINGER (phonetic) had contacted SUCHOLD in mid June of this year with a request similar to that proposed by BECK. SUCHOLD apparently failed to ask CHITTINGER for closer identification and appears concerned now about the identity of the person. Although CHLOTZ does not rule out the possibility that CHITTINGER may be connected with some FOREIGN Ministry, he asked that we ascertain whether or not CHITTINGER may be associated with a US intelligence organization.

7. It is our opinion that UPWING is making every effort to advance the program from an incipient stage to one of actual production. We believe that we can help to speed up proceedings by supplying additional topics to UPWING which, in turn, may prove helpful to BECK in enlarging his roster of qualified potential authors.

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